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Number of members castewar.

Tiruppattur Taluk Board.

Caste	Number	Caste	Number
Brahman	3	Indian Christian	1
Vellala	2	Adi-Dravida	1
Sengunthar	2	Devanga Lingayat	2
Kamma	2	Muhammadan	1
Vannia	2		
Reddi	1	Total	20
Gandla	2		
Vaisya	1		

Appendix IX.

[Vide answer to question No. 1130 asked by Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1929, page 215 supra.]

Serial number and name of district board.	Amount of Railway cess accumulations on 30th September 1928.		Total accumulations [Columns (2) and (3)].
	Investments.	Cash.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. South Arcot	18,90,590	43	18,90,633
2. Cuddapah	2,43,768	2,386	2,46,154
3. Ganjam	3,24,370	13,040	3,37,410
4. East Godavari	5,44,736	..	5,44,736
5. South Kanara	4,46,500	2,264	4,48,764
6. Kurnool	9,88,622	95,511	10,84,133
7. Madura	11,68,692	8,385	11,77,077
8. Nellore	8,48,257	14	8,48,271
9. Ramnad	11,04,400	19	11,04,419
10. Trichinopoly	8,75,388	..	8,75,388
11. Vizagapatam	7,43,483	822	7,44,305

Appendix X.

[Vide answer to question No. 1131-B asked by Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1929, page 217 supra.]

G.O. Mis. No. 3337, dated 30th August 1927.

Read—the following papers :—

From certain councillors, Chidambaram Municipality, dated 30th April 1927.

From certain councillors, Chidambaram Municipality, dated 22nd May 1927.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram, No. 215, dated 6th July 1927.

Endorsement of the Collector of South Arcot, L. Dis. No. A-6-4528-27, dated 15th July 1927.

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Order—Mis. No 3337, *L. & M., dated* 30*th August* 1927.

The Government have carefully considered the allegations against the Chairman, contained in the petitions from certain municipal councillors of Chidambaram and the Chairman's remarks thereon. They proceed to pass orders on the allegations.

2. *Allegation* (1)—*Failure to hold monthly meetings.*—The action of the Chairman in having failed to convene a meeting of the council in February, March and April 1927 was objectionable. He should in future strictly observe the provisions of rule 1 of Schedule III of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, under which a meeting should be held at least once in every month.

3. *Allegation* (2).—The council sanctioned a large number of items of expenditure in its meetings, dated 22nd November 1926 and 30th November 1926. The Examiner is requested to investigate during the next audit whether any of the items of expenditure are inadmissible and whether there was any fraud.

4. *Allegation* (3)—*Failure to convene meetings in response to requisitions.*—The Chairman's explanation of his failure to convene meetings of the Council in response to requisitions made by certain councillors on 22nd February 1927 and 14th April 1927 cannot be accepted. No special provision of law is required to empower a council to reconsider its own resolutions. Nor is it necessary to state in the requisition for a meeting the grounds on which a subject is included in the requisition.

5. *Allegation* (4)—*Refusal to allow certain councillors to inspect records.*—The Chairman's action in having refused to permit certain councillors to inspect municipal records relating to the resolutions passed on 22nd November 1926 and 30th November 1926 was not justifiable. Such refusal should be based on grounds of public policy or interests and not on the Chairman's opinion of the councillors concerned or their attitude towards him.

6. *Allegation* (5).—It is reported that a meeting was held on 12th May 1927 after the lapse of more than three months, and although a number of items of expenditure was incurred during the period without the previous sanction of the council, the items were not placed before the meeting. The Examiner is requested to investigate the matter and report whether the council has sanctioned the expenditure.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Education and Local Self-Government)

C. B. COTTERELL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram.
,, the Collector of South Arcot.

Copy to the petitioners.
,, to the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.